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In re US Patent Application of)
Thomas W. Astle) Art Unit: 1655
Serial No. 09/460,107)
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Title: CONTINUOUS POLYMERASE CHAIN)
REACTION PROCESS WITH MULTIPLE)
TEMPERATURE STATIONS) Date: January 4, 2001

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 04, 2000, of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 12-28.

A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the charging of the amount of the required appeal fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is attached hereto. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-3838 for an additional fees required in connection herewith. A verified statement establishing small entity status is on file in the application and such status is still proper and desired.

Date: January 4, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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